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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/787,479	DETTINGER ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --**

### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 October 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 7-10 and 16-23 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 11-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)            | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____                                      |
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This action is responsive to communications: Election filed on 10/10/06.
2. Claims 1 – 23 are pending in the case. Claims 1 – 6 and 11 – 15 are elected for examination at this time. Claims 1 and 11 are independent.

### ***Election/Restrictions***

3. Applicant's election without traverse of Group I in the reply filed on 10/10/06 is acknowledged.
4. Claims 7 – 10 and 16 – 23 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected Invention. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 10/10/06.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

6. Claims 1 – 6 and 11 – 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Christian et al. (US 20050044139 A1).

7. **Regarding independent claim 1**, Christian et al. teach that receiving a request from a client to view a web page that includes one or more selectable links (paragraph block 0056), which meet the limitation of **receiving a request for a web page comprising displayable content including user-selectable elements through which a user invokes one or more executable functions**;

Christian et al. teach that the client communicates with a display device that has the ability to display one or more of the web pages. The selectable link of a particular web page is selectable on the display device (paragraph block 0026), which meet the limitation of **providing the web page with the displayable content**;

Christian et al. teach that the web server accesses the web page and inspects the selectable link and any others that may be included in the web page (paragraph block 0056), which meet the limitation of **parsing the web page to identify the user-selectable elements**;

Christian et al. teach that when the tracking application 110 identifies the selectable link 200 as being configured to invoke click tracking (or page view tracking, or both), then the tracking application 110 removes the selectable link 200, transforms the selectable link 200 into the modified selectable link 400 and inserts the modified selectable link 400 into the web page (paragraph block 053), which meet the limitation of **disabling at least portion of the user-selectable elements on the basis of a pre-defined transform definition to produce a re-configured web page**;

Christian et al. teach that the tracking module 110 confirms that the web page 112(1) properly loads and is viewable at the client (paragraph block 0065), which meet the limitation of **returning the re-configured web page for display**.

8. **Regarding dependent claim 2**, Christian et al. teach that the tracking application removes the selectable link, transforms the selectable link into the modified selectable link and inserts the modified selectable link into the web page (paragraph block 053), which meet the limitation of **disabling comprises making the one or more executable functions corresponding to the portion of the user-selectable elements inaccessible to the user viewing the re-configured web page**.

9. **Regarding dependent claim 3**, Christian et al. teach that the tracking application removes the selectable link (paragraph block 053), which meet the limitation of **disabling comprises removing the portion of the user-selectable elements from the web page prior to returning the re- configured web page**.

10. **Regarding dependent claim 5**, Christian et al. teach that receiving a request from a client to view a web page that includes one or more selectable links (paragraph block 0056), which meet the limitation of **the user-selectable elements are graphical user interface elements**, since the Specification discloses that graphical user interface elements may be hyperlinks (pp 6 & 7, paragraph block 0025)

11. **Regarding dependent claim 6**, Christian et al. teach that when a client web browser requests an HTML file from a server, the server merely returns the requested HTML file. When a client web browser requests an ASP file from a server, the ASP file is then returned to the client web browser as a plain HTML file (paragraph block 0018), which meet the limitation of **the request is issued by a web browser**.

12. Regarding claims 11 – 13 and 15, the claims incorporate substantially subject matter as claims 1 – 3 and 5 and are rejected along the same rationale.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

13. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

14. Claims 4 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Christian et al. (US 20050044139 A1) as applied to claims 1 and 11 above, and further in view of Keating (US 20020052895 A1).

15. **Regarding dependent claims 4 and 14**, Christian et al. do not explicitly teach that **the pre-defined transform definition is an XSL transform defined for the web page and specifying the portion of the user- selectable elements to be disabled**.

Keating teaches that the prior art teaches that the XSL language permits user to alter and modify XML documents. In particular, XSL consists of two parts including a

method for transforming XML documents and a method for formatting XML documents. XSL can also add completely new elements into the output file or remove elements. It can rearrange and sort the elements, and test and make decisions about which elements to display, and a lot more (paragraph block 0008), which meet the limitation of **the pre-defined transform definition is an XSL transform defined for the web page and specifying the portion of the user- selectable elements to be disabled**, since Christian et al. teach that An ASP file (a file having an asp extension) may contain HTML, text, XML and/or one or more scripts (paragraph block 0018).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of Christian et al. with that of Keating because such a combination would provide the users of Keating with a system and method for generalizing a set of varying number of atomics and/or groups in a hierarchical document structure (e.g., XHTML or XML) (paragraph block 0014).

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nathan Hillery whose telephone number is (571) 272-4091. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F, 10:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather R. Herndon can be reached on (571) 272-4136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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